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## A MINOR ENTERTAINMENT

Fans of the Morris Minor will get a chance to see their favourite motors up close when the owners club comes to the Kent & East Sussex Railway this Sunday.  
The much-loved Morris, which was launched in 1948 and continued in production until 1972, also gave service as some of the first panda cars for police and for the Royal Mail local delivery vans, like this model above which was one of the last produced.  
The Kent Hop will also give visitors a chance to take a look round the railway's restored Pullman carriage. The railway will have its own 1965 Morris Minor 1000 pick-up truck on display too.

BY ED HILL

**AMBITIOUS** plans for a £60 million learning campus in the middle of Ashford have been delayed by uncertainty over the future merger of South Kent College.

The project, which would be built near Victoria Road, has been heralded as one step in developing the economy of the town.

The 'transformational' building will offer a range of training and courses to improve the skills of the area's workforce. This would increase the number of businesses that choose to expand or move to the area.

The new learning campus would provide 14,000 spaces to provide education to 14-19-year-olds. It is also hoped that some higher education courses would be run at the centre.



**DESIGN:** An artist's impression of the new campus

Originally the campus was hoped to be completed by 2011 with South Kent College (SKC) expected to move into the building.

But SKC, which runs campuses in Dover, Folkestone and Jemmet Road, Ashford, has failed to reach standards set by the education inspectorate Ofsted. The Learning Skills Council - which provides funding - has ordered SKC to merge with two other colleges.

On August 28 council officials were given a presentation by the two rival colleges bidding to merge with SKC; West Kent College and Sussex Downs.

Council officials were keen to hear what its

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**SPACIAL AWARENESS:** Ben Hamilton-Baille was consulted over town centre redesign

# Guru to talk on concept of shared space

■ BY ED HILL

THE man behind the town's new-look streets will be giving a talk highlighting the benefits of the shared space philosophy on September 11.

Ben Hamilton-Baille is described as one of the gurus of the concept. The scheme has seen the substantial redesign of streets, including the controversial two-way ring road and improvements to Bank Street.

The £15.6 million Ashford scheme will be the largest in the country when it is completed in October.

Mr Hamilton-Baille was initially consulted on the design brief for the town's scheme which has caused major disruption to the town's roads over the last two years.

The shared-space idea began in Europe and has been used in other towns including areas of the London borough of Kensington and Chelsea where it has been seen as a success.

It aims to give all users of the streets equal rights meaning that pedestrians, bicycles, motorbikes and cars mix with one another. Old-style street furniture such as barriers at pedestrian crossings and lampposts

are removed to open up the area.

The designers say the project will make the town centre more civilised and with new street cafés and shops, facing onto the new streets.

They say the old one-way ring road cut off the town centre and fast-moving traffic intimidated pedestrians and made the town centre inward facing.

Bank Street, one of the first parts to be completed, has recently seen the return of buses using the route through the town. Artists have designed some of the new seating and the lighting of the area to change the atmosphere.

A new 20mph speed zone for all traffic will be put in place, aimed at improving safety for road users.

Mr Hamilton-Baille is an advisory expert on shared space for five European countries and has developed practical projects to explore innovative street design. He is also consultant to English Heritage.

The event is being staged by the Institute of Civil Engineers which promotes best practice in the industry.

The changes to Ashford's roads system are being mainly funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The talk is open to members of the public and will be held at St Mary's Church in the town centre. Guests are invited to come along at 6pm.

## yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

### Enjoy music from around the world

THE world music group Shiva Nova will be launching its autumn season of Equator concerts on September 12. The group will be kicking off the season with a performance of Salome by the Ashford Youth Theatre.

It will be staged at the Ashford Youth Theatre on September 12-13 at 7.30pm. (It is not suitable for children under 16.)

For tickets call Ashford Tourist Information Centre on 01233 629165, or visit www.shivanova.com.

### Motorway shut off after car hits crane

A CRASH between a car and a mobile crane closed two lanes of the M20 motorway on August 26.

The accident happened at 6.50am close to junction nine on the coast-bound carriageway.

A woman driving a Citroen Saxo was taken to the William Harvey Hospital after being freed from the car by rescue services. Her injuries were described as non-life threatening.

The lanes of the motorway were closed while debris was cleared by police and reopened at 8.35am.

### Warm welcome at property fun day

HOUSING developer Gleeson Homes will be holding a family fun day at its development on Stanhope Road on September 6.

The event takes place from noon to 4pm and will include a face painter, balloon modeller, funky hair and drinks and nibbles.

Stuart Charnley sales and marketing manager said: "It promises to be a great day and there is also the opportunity for someone to win £150 Tesco vouchers by entering our prize draw."

The development consists of one and two-bedroom apartments and two and three bedroom homes.

### Call for more folk fans to join the club

THE Egerton Folk Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at the Munday Bois pub near Pluckley.

Formed around local singers and musicians, the group has been joined over the past year by performers from across Kent and new acts come along each month to showcase their work.

Performers of all types of music are welcome and guests are advised to arrive by 8pm to guarantee a good seat.

For further details email Sheila Ledner at sheilaledner@hotmail.co.uk.

## Ashford's Got Talent!

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# Armed police stop ruckus on the A20

## Firearms cops called to stop roadside row

■ BY ED HILL

A MAN spent a night under armed police guard at the William Harvey Hospital after an alleged attack on two men at their home just outside of Ashford.

Firearms officers were called to the scene after reports that a man involved in the attack had a gun.

The incident happened at 2.30pm at a house near the cross road junction of Smeeth and Evegate on the A20.

Police were first called after three cars were involved in a crash near the address.

When they arrived they called in support after allegations of a fight between a group of men at the roadside.

They carried out an extensive search of the area with police dogs, scene of crime officers and a helicopter from Surrey police.

That evening officers arrested three men at



**INCIDENT:** Armed police were called to the scene on the A20 after reports a man involved in the attack was carrying a gun

an address in St John Moore Avenue in Hythe.

One man was treated by ambulance crews at the scene of the fight. The other sustained a serious injury and was taken to hospital. He was discharged the next day.

The accident led to long delays for drivers while scene of crime officers searched the area for evidence.

It is alleged that the two men assaulted David Brown and his son Damian following a dispute over a Ferrari car.

Police say they have impounded vehicles and are carrying on their investigations into the case.

DI Julien Lawton from Ashford police said: "Some officers involved in this search were

armed but no shots were fired.

"I apologise for any inconvenience that road closures and subsequent hold ups have caused, however safety of the members of the public was paramount during this incident."

Two men have appeared at Ashford Magistrates' Court.

Myles Yarney, 35, of North Road, Hythe, and Steven McIntosh, 40, from Bindon Blood Road, Dover, have been charged with affray and actual bodily harm.

Yarney was charged with a further offence of possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear or violence.

They were bailed pending further enquiries until October 2.

## Man in van flashed to stalk victim

A MAN who drove a van repeatedly past a woman's house has pleaded guilty to exposure at Ashford magistrates court.

David Gurr, 25, from Cressfield, Ashford had approached a woman, who cannot be named, while she was smoking outside her house in August last year.

He was driving a white Transit van and initially asked the woman if she lived in the area.

He then entered into a conversation with the woman while sitting in the van at the roadside. During the conversation he then exposed himself to the woman by pulling down his shorts.

Bob Morris, speaking for the prosecution, told the court that Gurr had said to the woman: "I feel horny, you can have some of this."

He also asked the woman if she was wearing a thong.

He then drove off but the woman failed to get the vehicle's registration. The woman then noticed Gurr driving down the road the next day.

This time he was in a blue van with another man and waved at the woman as he drove past.

He then appeared again the next day driving the white van driving in both directions on the road.

This time the woman saw Gurr from inside her home and was able to get the vehicle registration which enabled police to trace the driver.

The court heard that Gurr had two previous convictions for similar offences.

Chair of the magistrates Miss Diana Showan told Gurr that he could face a possible jail term because of his previous record.

She said: "You targeted the victim because you went on that road again."

Mr Gurr was released on unconditional bail. The case was adjourned until September 23 for sentencing while probation officers prepare a report.

## Development of education is vital for town

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new partners intend for the future.

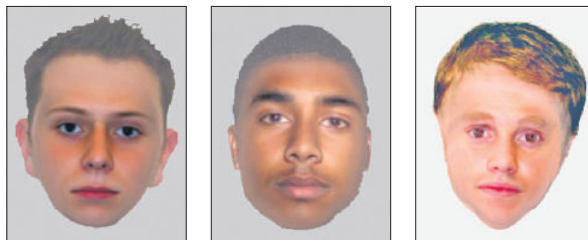
A council spokesman said: "We own the land and obviously have a vested interest in the future of further education in Ashford. There was a lot of debate about the two proposals that were put to the council."

Monica Box, interim principle of SKC said: "Both Sussex Downs and West Kent are very positive about the Ashford learning campus, providing further evidence that Ashford's need for skill development is real and critical to the development of the town."

"I think the people of Ashford should be heartened that two outside organisations, coming into the town, recognise what South Kent College has recognised, that the need for the campus is genuine."

"This is another two endorsements, if you like, of the necessity for a new building for further and higher education learners in Ashford."

The council spokesman added: "Ultimately the decision is down to the college but we hope by having this debate the council has made our feelings known about what we think is best for the future."



**ANYONE YOU KNOW?** Police photo-fits of three young men who bullied young girl for money

## Police reveal images of thugs suspected of mugging girl, 9

IMAGES of a three young men who threatened a nine year-old girl and demanded money have been released by police.

The incident happened the August 10 in Queens Road, Lydd around 3.50pm.

The girl refused to give them any money and they ran off towards Coronation Square after her dog barked at them.

The three suspects were part of a

gang of five men aged 18-22.

Inspector Joe Bushnell said: "These are serious allegations, and the young girl was very upset by the incident."

"At present there have been no other reports. We would like to speak to anyone who recognises these men or has information that will help the investigation."

Contact police on 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF****Website to give sport a boost for all in the area**

THE council has launched a new website aimed at promoting sport and physical fitness. The Active Ashford Sports Partnership site represents local organisations involved in sport around the borough.

Information includes links to sports clubs, events, advice on grants, sponsorship opportunities and advice from local sports ambassadors such as Lisa Dobrisky, who came fourth in the recent Beijing Olympics 1500m final.

There will also be regular updates, news and events together with information about the aims and objectives of the innovative approach to sports development.

Visit [www.activeashford.co.uk](http://www.activeashford.co.uk).

**Housing requirements on council's agenda**

WYE Parish Council will be holding a public meeting on September 11 looking into the future of housing need in the area.

An Ashford council planning officer will attend the meeting with a member of the Action with Communities in Rural Kent group, described as the Rural Housing Enabler.

Earlier this year, Ashford council carried out a consultation exercise with villages around the borough concerning possible future sites for housing.

The meeting is at the Methodist Hall at 7pm.

**Pitch up to get taste of local produce at fair**

PITCHES are available for the Tenterden Local Produce Fair. The event will be part of this year's Tenterden and Cranbrook Food festival held on Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1.

Foods including free-range pork, wines from Chapel Down and Biddenden vineyards, chocolates, pickles and preserves, Fallen Angel Brewery beers, biscuits and ice cream. There will also be Indian, Thai and Italian dishes.

Call Adrian Westwood on 01233 614525 or email [adrian@dtwv.co.uk](mailto:adrian@dtwv.co.uk) for more details.

**Step into a healthier lifestyle at local walks**

THOSE wanting to keep fit by taking a stroll can take part in a series of health walks around the area throughout the autumn.

The have been planned to offer walkers a range of challenges and promote fitness through walking.

One of the first will start outside the Library in Church Road on September 4 at 10.30am and will last an hour.

For information on future dates and walks around the rest of the Kent area, call East Kent Health Walks on 01304 828700 or visit [www.whi.org.uk/eastkent](http://www.whi.org.uk/eastkent).

# Plans for offices and hotel rejected at council meeting

## Signs don't look good for new business park

■ BY ED HILL

PLANS to build an industrial park in Waterbrook have failed to get the backing of Ashford council.

The development would cover a 48-hectare site include Industrial units, offices, warehouses and a 60 bedroom hotel as well as a petrol station.

The history of the application dates back to June 2006, when GSE Waterbrook Ltd made its first application. The council had decided that it might support the proposals if a106 agreements could be made, meaning the developers would make a contribution towards other improvements needed in the area.

However, no agreement was made and the planning process had lapsed.

The developers later made an appeal to the planning inspectorate who decided that a local public planning enquiry should be held to decide the issue.

Council planners met on August 27 to decide its stance on the application after a number of alterations had been made.

Since the original application, the council's Core Strategy for the area has changed. The planning officer said the scheme no longer fits its long-term vision for the area.

Waterbrook and Sevington are seen as key areas for the town's expansion to the south east. The council wants to build more than 4,000 homes and create nearly 1,500 jobs by 2021. Changes in the planning regulations from Government mean that the area has to be developed in a mix of homes businesses and shops to create sustainable



**NO GO:** Planning officer said plans for 48-hectare industrial park at Waterbrook no longer fits the long-term vision for the area

communities rather than an industrial park of large buildings.

They also say the current proposals do not support some of its future transport plans such as a Park and ride scheme, Smartlink bus service designed to link outer parts of the town with the centre and cycling routes and walkways.

A spokesman for Ashford council said: "The Planning Committee determined that, if it had jurisdiction to do so, it would refuse this application either as originally submitted or as proposed to be amended in August 2008."

The local public planning enquiry is due to start on October 6 and run for two weeks.

**Putting breaks on mini moto nuisance**

POLICE have cracked down on the youths riding mini moto bikes in Kennington.

They confiscated one machine after community officers carried out an evidence gathering exercise in the area.

On August 27 they issued a warning to a youth seen riding a bike that it would be seized if he was seen riding it again.

Mini motos are smaller versions of full-size bikes aimed at

children. Their high-pitched engines can cause a nuisance in urban areas.

Two days later the bike was seen again by PCSO Stuart Manning. Despite the youth's protests, the mini moto was seized and will be destroyed.

PC Steve Gamble said: "This sends out a strong message that anti social use of these bikes will be dealt with firmly."

"Kent Police will take action

when residents have their peace and quiet disturbed by these bikes. Some of these bikes are worth hundreds of pounds and offenders risk having them seized and possibly destroyed."

"Offenders caught using these machines on public roads can also be prosecuted and face losing their driving license. The obvious repercussions of this means it could be a very costly bit of fun."

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**RECORD ATTEMPT:** North Down birthday bash organisers are calling for volunteers to join in and break cartwheel record

# Take a tumble to help break world record

BY ED HILL

ORGANISERS of celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the North Downs Way say they are desperate for volunteers to help them beat the simultaneous world cartwheeling record.

Tony Gowers, national trail officer for the North Downs Way, said: "We need more people to register for the attempt. We were hoping to get as many school children as we can but many have been away on their holidays."

The current number for the record stands at 478 so anyone who thinks they are able to take part will be welcomed.

People have used the North Downs Way for thousands of years but it was not until 1978 that the route was officially named a national trail.

Mr Gowers said: "These are ancient track ways that have been used for years and years. The creation of National Trails goes back to just after World War Two. The Pennine Way was the first one up to that time. Before then many people on these old routes were actually trespassing."

The walk starts in Farnham in Surrey and

travels 153 miles along the chalk ridge through the Surrey Hills and the Kent Downs.

Near Ashford, the route splits with one path carrying on to Dover and the other heading to Canterbury. The routes have been used by pilgrims making the way to Canterbury and for trade down to the ports on the south coast of Kent.

The path includes two areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and attracts visitors from around the world.

Mr Gowers said: "We carried out a survey a few years ago and we estimated that around 300,000 people use the route each year. We get many visitors from France and Belgium who enjoy the walk."

"You get marvellous views to the south over the Weald of Kent, Hastings and even across the channel to France."

The event will be held on September 13 at the Withersdane Hall in Wye. The hall is part of Imperial College's campus in the village close to the North Downs Way.

Guided walks, archaeological talks, live music and storytelling will also be part of the party. There will be a giant birthday cake and an attempt will also be made to break the most snails on a face record which stands at 15.

• To register for the event go to [www.ndwcelebration.org.uk](http://www.ndwcelebration.org.uk) or call 08458 247600.

## Sheep drive to produce the goods

LONDON Bridge saw an unusual sight on Sunday thanks to a former High Sheriff of Kent.

Amanda Cottrell, who lives in Challock, drove seven New Romney rams across the bridge to promote the cause Canterbury Cathedral and the Produced in Kent organisation which encourages people to eat more local food.

She was given the right to drive the animals across the famous bridge when she was given the freedom of the city last year.

She was joined by Viscount De Lisle of Penshurst Place, pollster Sir Robert Worcester and Eric Fraunfelder, master of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers. Television historian and author Dr David Starkey and TV chef Gary Rhodes also supported the campaign.

Canterbury Cathedral needs £50 million for its preservation. Mrs Cottrell hoped to raise awareness of the issue through the event.

Mrs Cottrell said: "As patron of Produced in Kent and Trustee of Canterbury Cathedral, I feel both of these issues have enormous national importance."

"This is a unique and I hope, effective way to raise the profile of both these issues."



**SHEEP STUNT:** Marchers and sheep in London

The right to drive sheep across the bridge dates back to 1237.

Produced in Kent, supports local farmers by promoting fresh seasonal produce; buying food close to home also helps to reduce the amount of miles that food travels, and significantly reduces its carbon footprint.

Kent County Council deputy leader, Alex King, who founded Produced in Kent, said: "Amanda's support for some of the county's causes is truly invaluable."

"This event brings a little piece of Kent to the big city and helps get our message across."

## yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

### TV chefs boost sales of poultry out houses

SALES of chicken houses have gone through the roof since high-profile chefs Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall featured them in their TV series.

The trend for amateur poultry rearing has given an Ashford firm the chance to cash in on the fashion. Forsham Cottage Arks, based in Great Chart, specialises in making animal out houses such as dovescotes, dog kennels and chicken houses. The firm says it is now selling 20 chicken houses a day and has taken on extra staff to deal with demand.

It also now plans a one day course for people keen on take up rearing chickens.

Director of the firm, Cindy Pellet, said people have a romantic notion of going to the hen house and collecting eggs for breakfast.

Although chickens do not take up much space, she says like all animals people have to learn how to look after them properly.

The one-day courses are estimated to cost £85.

### Health trust workshop to be held at the Ark

THE Eastern and Coastal Primary Care Trust, which covers the Ashford area, will be holding a workshop meeting on September 4 to get feedback from the general public.

The meeting will be held at the The Ark, Noah's Ark Road in Dover at 2pm. To find out more call Barbara Hill at the Trust on 01304 216858.

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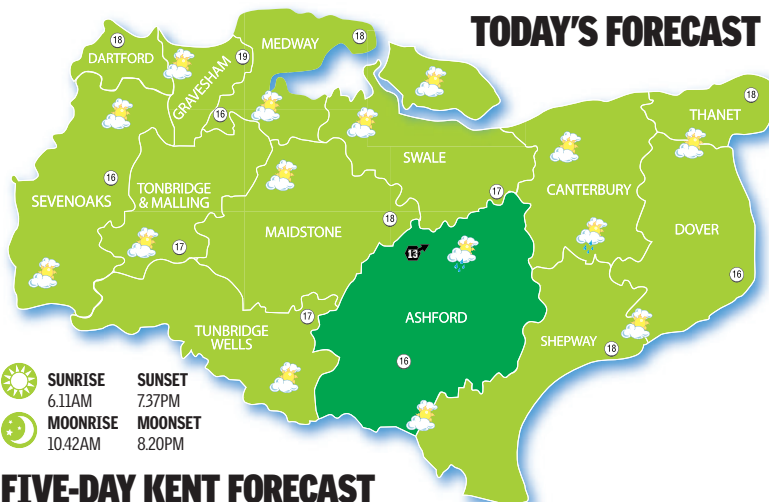


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Dover	Saturday	2:33pm	6.6m
	Sunday	3:05pm	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:38pm	7.6m
	Sunday	3:12pm	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:03pm	5.0m
	Sunday	3:35pm	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:09pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:42pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:16pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4:47pm	5.2m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	18°C	Madrid	28°C
Athens	28°C	New York	27°C
Barcelona	29°C	Paris	20°C
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Bombay	29°C	Sydney	19°C
Cape Town	15°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	29°C	Vancouver	16°C
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**SUNSET** 7.37PM  
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**MOONSET** 8.20PM

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Ashford	16°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	Gravesend	17°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Canterbury	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C	Maidstone	16°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Chatham	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C	Ramsgate	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C
Dartford	17°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Rochester	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C
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WHACKY RACES: Competitors raced karts for charity

## Racers get on their soapboxes for derby

THIS year's Aldington Soapbox Derby attracted competitors from far and wide.

Organisers hope to have raised £10,000 towards the Pilgrims Hospice and a maintenance fund for the village hall.

The winner of the event was Frank Newington. This is the third time he has won the race. The 75 year-old was also the oldest participant.

The route takes competitors down Forge Hill from the start at the Walnut Tree pub, through the Deedes chicane and past the old prison straight to the finish line.

Thirty one cars took part, including one from the Lorry Park Alliance, the campaign group set up to oppose plans for the nearby County Council lorry park and the landlady of the local pub, Karen Barrett, who had a spectacular crash in her Penelope Pitstop car.

A group of Star Wars stormtroopers also made an appearance, along with characters from famous films.

There were also salsa dancing, a kit car display and live music.

Sarah Prescott, one of the organisers of the event, said: "This was the second of the new annual event after the race in millennium year. Everyone tried to beat Frank but he won again."

"There were lots of other things going on aside from the race. Each year we split the money between a local charity that we choose and the Pilgrims Hospice."

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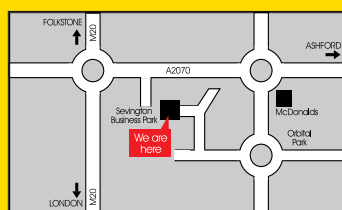
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### NIGEL WIGGINS



**Q** How did you first get interested in cooking?

**A** My first job as a teenager was to work for a local bakery as a washer up. It was there that I became interested in what the baker and confectioners were making and thought that this might be something I could pursue as a career.

**Q** What produce do you think the Ashford area has to offer? Do you source your ingredients locally?

**A** Ashford and the surrounding area has some very good local produce. Heidi Fermor has some amazing produce at Perry Court and the Apple Fayre they have every year is the work of a true enthusiast. Of course, Romney Marsh produces good quality lamb and Robin at Appledore Salads is an excellent supplier of top quality salads and vegetables.

**Q** Do you think you have to be a strict disciplinarian in a professional kitchen to get things done?

**A** People have to know their boundaries when it comes to discipline. I might be quite strict I suppose and I do insist on good manners. They are very important.

**Q** Do you think that as a nation we would rather watch top chefs cooking than learn it ourselves?

I think as a nation we seem to have a lot of interest in watching cookery programmes. Skilled intelligent craftsmen are always fascinating to watch. Hopefully this inspires people to have a go themselves.

**Q** Did you think of Delia's last series of cooking shows using frozen veg and oven chips?

**A** Delia Smith has done a tremendous amount to raise interest and create enthusiasm in cooking. Using items of convenience food is no big deal.

After all everyone has convenience foods in the fridge or cupboard at home, don't they? In many homes these days people are coming and going all the time and there just isn't the time to cook from scratch. Hopefully it may lead some people to develop an interest in cooking and wait to start cooking using all fresh ingredients.

**Q** What is the best way to reconnect children with the basic skills of cooking?

**A** Firstly cooking must be put back on to the school curriculum. Then we must encourage children to see eating with friends as a sociable and enjoyable activity. Food must be fun wherever possible.

**Q** Do you have any other interests away from the kitchen?

**A** I am a long time Everton fan and I enjoy watching football. My wife Claire may be surprised to hear it but I enjoy spending time with her and our two children Alice and Micheal and not forgetting Hugo the dog.

**Q** If you were a condemned man, what would your last meal be?

**A** Bacon and eggs and a mug of my nan's tea.

**Q** Did you have any childhood heroes when you were growing up-cooking or otherwise?

**A** As a child my heroes were the England football team especially the 1970 World Cup squad.

Allan Ball was simply one of the best footballers ever and very distinctive with his red hair and white boots. Norman Wisdom – he's so funny. I loved to watch his films.

I'd love to have him in my kitchen brigade. Above all my heroes would be my grandparents and my parents. They always encouraged me and my sisters to work hard and gave us belief in ourselves. I owe them a great deal. They showed me how to live and gave me real values in life.

**Q** What else is going on at Eastwell Manor at the moment?

**A** We have just opened a new nine hole golf course in the grounds. The course is unusual because it is solely irrigated by treated re-cycled water. It will be primarily intended for the use of residents and leisure club members as well as a facility for conference and corporate delegates.

We held a charity round recently for children at Demelza House Hospice and the The Wyvern School in Ashford.

The golfers said it that it was an exciting course in a beautiful setting and more challenging than they were expecting.

We will be using it again for charity events next year.

Neil Wiggins is head chef at Eastwell Manor Hotel. Here he talks to Ed Hill about kitchen discipline, Delia Smith's contribution to cooking and... the picturesque hotel's new nine-hole golf course

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# Rocket man aims to cross Channel

BY STEVE KNIGHT

ROCKET man Yves Rossy will attempt to make history this month when he launches himself across the Channel.

The Swiss national is aiming to be the first person to complete a jet-propelled flight from Calais to Dover on Wednesday, September 24.

Rossy, who celebrated his 49th birthday last Wednesday, completed a test flight at the end of last month with an eight-foot carbon-fibre wing powered by four engines.

He flew for more than 22 miles – the equivalent of a cross-Channel trip.

Afterwards Rossy said: "Everything went well. It was awesome.

"It's my longest flight with this wing. If there are no technical problems it will be OK for the English Channel.

"I did the distance. Everything is going swimmingly."

Rossy's stunt will mark 99 years since Louis Bleriot became the first man to cross the Channel in an aircraft.

It will be broadcast live in 165 countries by the National Geographic Channel and will also be on website [www.natgeotv.com](http://www.natgeotv.com).

Rossy, who is nicknamed FusionMan, said: "My flight will be a tribute to all those who came before me, many of whom were killed."

The test flight on August 20 saw the former commercial and fighter pilot leap from a small plane 7,500ft above the town of Bex, in Switzerland.

Despite having to postpone the jump several times because of "electronic interference problems", Rossy reached speeds of 180mph as he flew to Villeneuve and back wearing a heat-resistant suit similar to those worn by racing



**FUSIONMAN:** Yves Rossy plans to cross the English Channel using unique jet wings strapped to his back

drivers. He was able to alter direction in the sky by shifting his weight or simply turning his head and shoulders.

When he had reached his destination of Bex airfield, he released two parachutes at 5,000ft and 4,000ft to land safely and with two litres of fuel remaining.

Rossy's planned Channel crossing came as news to Dover Coastguard, although a spokesman said it was not a legal requirement for the rocketeer to contact them.

She added: "It's something we would like to be told about, but we are in the dark at the

moment. For instance we would like to know if he will be in communication with somebody during the flight.

"It's not the sort of thing you can just go ahead and do. He will have to obey the rules of the Dover Straits, of which there are many."

Rossy staged his first public flight in May, when he wowed crowds with an acrobatic display above the Alps. He later admitted a 360-degree flip was to "impress the girls".

For more information on Yves Rossy, including videos and photos of him in action, visit [www.fusionman.ch](http://www.fusionman.ch).



**SNOW WHITE:** Emma Barton should avoid apples

## Come and join the auditions

GIRLS from across Kent are being given the chance to tread the boards with the stars of this year's Marlowe pantomime.

Auditions for the juvenile ensemble of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs take place in Canterbury on Sunday, September 21.

Choreographer Abi Jouxson-Mair, who comes from Chatham, will be putting girls aged between eight and 16 through their paces at the Prince of Wales Community Centre in Military Road. Registration is at 3pm and the auditions start at 3.30pm.

Snow White producer Paul Hendy said they would be looking for the usual combination of girls who can sing and dance. He said: "Apart from that, all we ask is that they smile!"

He went on: "The girls should come along to the auditions ready to dance and we ask that they don't bring any food, only water. If anyone feels anxious about auditioning on their own – don't! Everyone will be taught a routine and asked to perform it in groups."

For any queries about the auditions contact Alison Grant at Evolution Productions by emailing [ali@evolution-productions.co.uk](mailto:ali@evolution-productions.co.uk)

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs opens at the Marlowe on Saturday, November 29, and runs until mid-January.

It stars TV presenter and magician Stephen Mulhern (last year's Aladdin) and EastEnders actress Emma Barton, along with a talented supporting cast. Further details are available from the box office on 01227 787787 or see [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com)



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# Innovation to beat superbugs

BY JENNA PUDELEK

ENTREPRENEURS and businesses in Kent with products or technologies that could help prevent the spread of superbugs have been invited to take part in a new programme by the NHS.

NHS Innovations South East, which helps health service inventors promote their ideas, said it believed industry could play an active role in helping combat the killer infections.

It said automotive, IT, food and drink, engineering and manufacturing firms across the region could help the NHS beat the bugs.

The Office for National Statistics announced on Thursday that the number of death certificates in England and Wales mentioning *Clostridium difficile* (C diff) increased 28 per cent in 2007.

Deaths from the superbug have risen year on year since 1999, the authority found.

KOS Media has been running a hand hygiene campaign highlighting that simply washing your hands can help stop the spread of superbugs.

We have been working with the NHS to raise awareness about how infections spread and good control and prevention methods.

Reducing healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs) like C diff and MRSA is one of the top priorities for the NHS and the Department of Health believes new technologies and equipment, as well as good hygiene practices, can help it achieve its targets more quickly.

Jo James, chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "My initial view is that MRSA and C diff are problems that they [the NHS] have not managed to find a solution to yet and they are growing problems."

"Why not look to industry where there is a wealth of experience and call on the experience that is out there? It is not just a hospital problem; it is a problem that affects us all."

"There are so many industries...where they

have got lots of things already there and a huge amount of experts dealing with the problem [of infection control and prevention]."

"I think it is a great initiative to look outside and look for help and pull the resources to combat superbugs."

The chamber is an independent body that was set up to support business growth and enterprise in Kent.

NHS Innovation South East is one of nine hubs across the country. The Smart Solutions scheme is being run nationally by NHS Innovations North West.

Brian Griffiths, the project director, said: "Our aim is to find the most effective solutions to control HCAIs and we are keeping an open mind as to where these could come from."

"Whether it is a product from a medical company, something developed for a completely different purpose or even an idea from an inventor in the spare room, we will assess its potential."

Dr Sara Mumford, director of infection prevention and control at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said: "This



is a very positive and welcome initiative. "If companies come up with potentially effective ways of combating infections we are always willing to take part in trials of new products."

• If you think you have an idea or solution that can help the NHS beat superbugs visit [www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk](http://www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk).

## New bus posters part of drink drive crackdown

HARD-hitting posters are being carried on buses across the county highlighting the dangers of drink driving.

Kent Highway Services' 'drinking and driving wrecks lives' campaign has gone out across 72 Stagecoach buses, covering Maidstone, Ashford, Dover, Thanet, Canterbury, Folkestone, Dartford, Gravesend and Tunbridge Wells.

KHS' road safety chief Anne-Marie Penny said the posters were being run to remind drivers that drink

driving is dangerous all year round, not just at Christmas.

She said: "Drink-driving wrecks lives all year-round and drivers need to realise that it's just as dangerous in the summer as it is at Christmas."

"You don't have to be drunk to be dangerous - even one drink can affect your judgement and reactions."

"By using these bus posters, we can reach more drivers than a static poster could and it's vital that we get our mes-

sage out there to try and prevent needless tragedies caused by drink driving."

Kent police figures reveal a total of 250 motorists are arrested every month on the county's road for drink driving offences.

Drivers caught under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be given a mandatory ban, a fine of up to £5,000 or a possible prison sentence.

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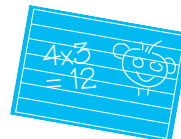
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## BREAK TIME

## History of slavery on the curriculum

THE slave trade is to become a compulsory part of secondary school history classes from September.

Britain's involvement in slavery will join other mandatory topics such as the two world wars and the Holocaust.

Pupils will learn how the trade affected the industrial revolution, the development of trade, and colonialism, and how slavery was abolished.

The long-term impact of slavery, including the civil rights movement, will also be studied, with ministers hoping this will improve children's understanding of the make-up of modern Britain.

Children's Minister Kevin Brennan said: "Although we may sometimes be ashamed to admit it, the slave trade is an integral part of British history."

"It is inextricably linked to trade, colonisation, industrialisation and the British empire."

"It is important that children learn about this and the links to wider world history, such as the American civil rights movement, the repercussions of which are still being felt today."

"That is why the slave trade will join the British empire, two world wars and the Holocaust as compulsory parts of the secondary school history curriculum from this month."

The curriculum has been developed with the assistance of the Understanding Slavery Initiative, which encourages teachers, educators and young people to examine the history and legacy of the transatlantic slave trade through museum artefacts.

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# Heads return papers in SATS marking fiasco

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THOUSANDS of SATS exam papers are to be marked again in the wake of complaints from headteachers highlighting inconsistent scoring and clerical errors.

Many papers are being reassessed at the request of schools as many heads take issue with the quality of this year's marking, which was handled by ETS Europe.

Lisa Evans, head of Graveney Primary School, said her school's reports were late out this year as they were forced to wait for key stage two papers to be returned.

She said: "I have sent four papers back, one with clerical errors on a maths paper and the others for inconsistent marking."

"I am absolutely appalled with the whole system considering the importance placed on these exams by the Government. The pressure my pupils have to go through to sit these exams then to find that many of the papers have been inaccurately marked makes a mockery of the system."

"I would like to see these exams scrapped, as has already happened in Wales and Scotland, and replaced by a more reliable assessment system undertaken by professionals."

Brenda Windsor, of Hernhill Primary, said the school only received its results very late in the year and it had been "very stressful".

She said: "We received our scripts and results on July 15, obviously putting pressure on staff to go through the papers to check for accuracy and consistency at an incredibly busy time of year."

"We delayed sending out the school reports in the hope the results might turn up and be sent out with them as usual, but had to eventually



**TESTING TIMES:** Primary school headteachers have returned thousands of SATS papers on behalf of pupils

include a note to let parents know they would be sent out as soon as we had them."

"Despite having limited time, we have been through all the papers and found some inaccuracies, but only one which we believe has changed the levels. That script has been returned for remarking."

The five-year contract to administer the SATS tests, awarded to American-backed company ETS Europe, has been scrapped as a result of widespread condemnation.

The reassessments will be handled by The National Assessment Agency, with help from the company previously contracted to conduct

the tests, Edexcel. David Gee, managing director of NAA, said: "Following the delays and data entry problems experienced earlier this year, it is crucial that the reviews process is robust, effective and retains the confidence of schools in the outcomes of the tests."

"If schools have evidence that the marking scheme has been misapplied, they should apply for a review and the NAA will ensure the application is properly evaluated and, where necessary, scripts remarked."

Schools have until September 10 – ten days after they return from summer holidays – to appeal against the marking of SATS papers.

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## Why we should always take pride in British sports success

BRITISH sport is rubbish, isn't it? You disagree? As it happens, so do I.

But had I asked the question before the Olympics, of someone whose sporting knowledge is gleaned from a national newspaper and that would've been their likely response to "What do you think of British Sport?"

The thing is, the cyclists, rowers, sailors, in fact, most of our medalists at the Beijing Games didn't just suddenly appear and get lucky. They were already established in the top echelons of their sports along with swimmers, archers, squash players and many more.

One of our biggest participation sports – Karate – is where, at the recent WIKF World Championships, England topped the medal table with 12 golds, just under a third of those available from 38 events. A further 16 medals were split equally across silver and bronze.

You didn't know? Can't blame you, it isn't even on the BBC Sport website. Reflect on those figures – the USA won only eight medals in total, just one of them gold.

I haven't bought a national newspaper for years, not since one of them ran a headline on their back page – R.I.P. English Sport. Why? Because we'd lost a football qualifier, a cricket test match and a boxing World Title fight. The editor conveniently forgot we'd won the Five Nations rugby and had two other title fight winners. And the Karate team of course, who were topping the medal table back then, too.

Britons complete at the highest level in most sports, I doubt any other nation can boast the sheer variety of international top class competitors that we do. Sure, the Swiss will always beat us in Winter Sports (except the skeleton bob maybe, where Britain's Kristian Bromley is the reigning World Cup, European and World Champion) but where are they when it comes to Rugby?

The Germans undoubtedly have the upper hand in football post 1966, but when did they last win a cricket match against us? Russian golfers? Nope. Is there an Australian karate team? They didn't win a medal. As for the Chinese – yes, they topped the Olympic table but name me one Chinese darts player, go on!

Yet, somehow, we always return to our disappointments in football. Where did we go wrong? How do we improve? Not by passing stupid laws at grass roots level governing age groups. Next year, talented players who run rings around opponents of their own age won't be able to move up and progress.

Oh no, our dear FA have stipulated that they should remain in their own age group and stagnate, get bored and then probably give up altogether. Way to go. Apt name, FA. Pretty much covers what our national team are likely to win. Perhaps Sir Clive Woodward can take over from Brian Barwick, assuming the British Olympic Association will release him.

Still, don't despair BritSport fans, next time we don't make it to the footie finals, there's sure to be a pentathlete, triathlete or horse rider winning somewhere else. And with environmental and petrol issues continuing, the national sport will be cycling by 2012!

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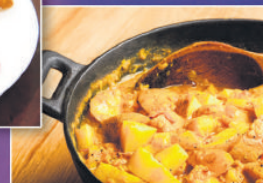
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## TALK TIME

### BECKY WEBB

of Kids Stuff Toys in Upper High Street talks about her job and life in the town



#### How long have you worked here?

About a year, I really enjoy the job. We get all sorts of people who come in hear from children to grandparents and we have a good natter with them all. I feel like I know half the people of Ashford.

It is good practice for me to interact with the kids because I want to be a teacher. I am still a student at Highworth Grammar School and have just done my AS levels.

#### What makes you want to go into teaching?

I want to teach Religious Education. My aunt is a headteacher at a school in London and she has been a big influence on me.

I have always wanted to do it. I love being around children and really enjoy the look on their faces when they are learning something new.

#### Why did you choose RE as the topic you want to teach?

It is part of the National Curriculum and I think that it is very relevant with all that is happening in the world. It's good for children to know what starts a lot of the disputes.

I think naively about these topics can be dangerous and I want to give something back to people and help them understand how it affects the world.

We are so multicultural in Britain these days it is good for everyone to know a little about everyone's cultures these days. I am hoping to go to Christchurch University in Canterbury to study.

#### What do you think of Ashford?

I have grown up here. I like the regeneration that is happening at the moment. I think it is bringing so much more culture and putting Ashford on the map. I think it is nice now to be able to be proud to say you come from Ashford but there could be more things for under 18s to do in the evenings.

## YOUR LETTERS

### New venture goes for the hard shell



### This Rosbif prefers to avoid the snails

I was amazed to read about the woman growing snails in her bedroom to sell to pubs and restaurants in last week's paper.

The idea of eating the slimy little critters stirs an immediate reaction of revulsion in me and has always been one of my favourite ways of scoffing at the lunacy of the French.

I really can't imagine eating them - whether fried in garlic butter, as preferred in France, or put in a beef stew or seafood platter, as in Spain and Italy.

I was therefore taken aback to read that the Kent grower Helen Howard is struggling to meet demand for the "exotic food".

It seems us Brits will try anything these days. Maybe I am missing out, but I think I'll stick to beef stew without the snail twist.

However, I do want to thank you for bringing this intriguing story to light. Keep up the good work.

Claire Rogers, by email

### Alternative ways of heating our schools

Kent County Council should meet the challenge of dramatic increases in school energy bills this year by installing new energy



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technologies on school sites.

Grants are available from the Carbon Trust which would allow

KCC to have some support in installing solar water heating and solar panels on schools.

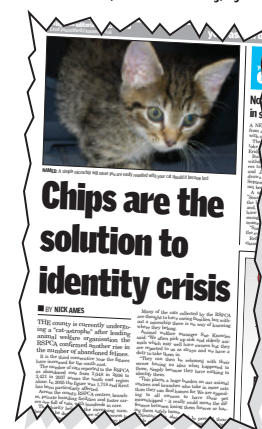
Our county council faces crippling energy bills for its schools this winter after massive increases in bills this year.

It should make use of available grants and any assistance parent-teacher associations can provide to better insulate schools and to install solar water heating, solar panels and wind turbines where this is appropriate.

If KCC bulk buys, it should be able to get far better prices for new energy technologies than individual householders do.

Since the alternative for heating schools is to increase the council tax to meet rising energy bills, we feel sure KCC will want to take action to cut long-term energy costs.

Dr Hazel Dawe, Kent Green Party, by email



### Chips are the solution to identity crisis

### Chips right way to protect our pets

May I thank you for your excellent article about the importance of microchipping pets? The RSPCA is absolutely right to stress this.

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and how much heartbreak can be saved when a much-loved pet goes missing.

I took in a stray cat from Herne Bay a couple of years ago and realised quickly he was obviously someone's loved, pet cat. After getting help from the local press, his owner was finally found and reunited with this beautiful black cat. This was after I received about a dozen calls from various distraught cat owners who had lost their own cat in the area.

A few months ago I got another black cat of my own, to add to our brood of six living at home. He, also, clearly must have belonged to someone in the past, but as he was not microchipped and had come from "out of area" he is now living happily in the Gale household, firmly "chipped" before he moved in.

Can I please urge all your readers to ensure that they do get their pets microchipped - this can be done, quickly and cheaply at any local vet?

It is the responsible way forward and will save so much grief should your pet go missing. I would also ask that all our local veterinary surgeries continue to stress the importance to owners to get their pets chipped.

Suzi Gale - Patron, East Kent Animal Centre

## Unique card designs boost cancer funds

I would like to thank everyone who has so generously spent time designing and making unique cards in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care this year.

Each year Marie Curie Cancer Care runs the Create a Card for Cancer Care campaign in partnership with Do Crafts, the website and magazine for crafters. We call upon our supporters to create one-off cards which are then sold in Marie Curie shops across the UK for £1 each.

This year alone, we received a record-breaking 111,400 cards and I would like to call on your readers to go along to their local Marie Curie shop and buy one of these bespoke cards.

All the money raised will help Marie Curie nurses like me care for terminally ill people in their own homes, allowing them to spend their final days with the people they love the most. Thank you.

Lorna Clarkson,  
Nursing Ambassador of the Year for England, Marie Curie Cancer Care

## Nominate your GP for carers' award

Looking after a loved one who is sick, disabled or frail is not easy - it can be physically hard, emotionally draining and very isolating.

In a recent study, 78 per cent of unpaid family carers in the South East say their health and wellbeing is worse as a result of caring. Often the person carers turn to for support is their GP.

This support can make all the difference. The Simplyhealth Caring Awards (in partnership with The Princess Royal Trust for Carers) is looking to celebrate all the good work being done throughout the UK to support carers.

I would like to draw attention to the Simplyhealth Carers' Choice Award that looks to recognise the work carried out by individual GPs.

Carers can now say thank you by nominating their GP for this award.

This year's prize is £250 each for the winning GP and for you. To nominate, all you need to do is write a letter about how your GP supports you as a carer.

Email gpawards@carers.org or write to the Princess Royal Trust for Carers,



Sheila Hancock

Freeport RRRY-JLXK-GZCG, Unit 14, Bourne Court, Southend Road, Woodford Green IG8 8HD. Remember to include contact details for both you and your GP. The closing date is October 10 and more information can be found at [www.carers.org](http://www.carers.org). The winners will be announced in November.

Sheila Hancock, actress, by email

## Unique card designs boost cancer funds

Anyone is entitled to disagree with me, but

not to twist my words and stray far from facts. Apparently laudable intentions have become the hallmark of monopolies and public service providers like the NHS, police and local government.

E G Egan ought to "walk a mile in my shoes" before he defends the indefensible, e.g. instructions to binmen.

Those in the "I'm all right" camp have little idea what the rest of us endure. Council chiefs and councillors remunerate themselves generously out of our pockets and live on better pensions than the rest of us get.

My margin for comfort after paying bills is not great. Like Zoom the budget airline

that has collapsed, the cost of fuel and life in England is disastrous for me. Council tax is an undeserved life sentence.

Anachronistic top heavy management structures and pseudo executive directors in local government or civil service have no place in the public sector when taxpayers are frequently short changed.

How many others object to final salary pensions for the top tiers of government, or to incentive payments and bonuses. Public services that are no longer public or affordable ought to be done away with before they make life even more unaffordable.

R Grootendorst, By email

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**GOOD BOOK:** The cartoon version of The Jungle Book was the last to be produced by Walt Disney himself - here the story is brought to life on stage

# Book into the jungle

The bear necessities of life brought to the stage

GRAB a vine and swing into the world of The Jungle Book as a popular stage version of the classic tale returns to Kent.

Birmingham Stage Company's hugely successful production is a colourful and exciting family show that brings Rudyard Kipling's beloved story to life. Meet the creatures of the jungle as they battle to protect the life of young Mowgli and embark on an adventure that brings them all sorts of surprises.

The company commissioned children's playwright Stuart Paterson to adapt the 100-year-old story in 2005.

It was set to a brand new score by composer BB Cooper and lyricist Barb Jung, along with additional music and orchestrations by talented 16-year-old newcomer Gideon Fineman, and played to sell-out crowds across the country.

Now it is back on the road by popular demand and Kent audiences have the chance to discover the magic.

A talented cast of 10 bring the unforgettable characters to life, with realistic animal movements created by expert Peter Elliot. He is, of course, a master of movement himself, having played monkeys in the



films Greystoke, Gorillas In The Mist and Congo.

The story follows the adventures of young boy Mowgli, who is raised by wolves in the jungle and feels as at home there as any of his furry chums.

But when the menacing tiger Shere Khan announces his intention to kill the boy, Baloo the bear and Bagheera

the panther make a heartbreaking decision. They decide to take Mowgli to the man village in the interests of his safety, but their journey will be fraught with danger, adventure and unexpected encounters.

A trailer of the show can be viewed at [www.birminghamstage.net](http://www.birminghamstage.net).

The Jungle Book began life as a collection of stories written by English author Rudyard Kipling in 1894. Inspired by his early childhood in India, and his return as a teenager to work, the stories were written while he was living in the US.

The first book contained stories about the adventures of Mowgli, along with other fables which used talking animals to make moral points. The Second Jungle Book, published the following year, featured five more stories about Mowgli.

The stories were to inspire one of the best-loved Disney animated films, which was also the last movie produced by Walt Disney himself.

Tickets are priced from £10 to £14 for adults and £8/£7.50 for children. Phone the box office on 01892 530613/532072, or book online at [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).

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In advance of its new enrichment workshop opening later this year, the park is offering taster sessions on selected weekends in September.

Environmental enrichment is vital in keeping captive animals in their right social groupings, giving them enough stimulation in their enclosures and encouraging them to display their natural behaviour.

Visitors will have the chance to make ice lollies for elephants, treat boxes for tigers or puzzle feeders for primates during the one-



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hour sessions. Later in the day they will see their creations going into the enclosures and see firsthand the benefits of enrichment.

Taster workshops will also be held on Saturday, September 13, Saturday, September 20, and Sunday,

September 21. They will be organised in the education centre near the entrance to the park and workshops cost £4 for adults and £2 for children, in addition to normal park entry fees. For more details take a look at [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net).

## EILEEN ROSE

Monday, September 8  
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

WITH worldwide acclaim and comparisons to Sheryl Crow under her belt, Eileen Rose is one to watch.

The singer/songwriter is the next artist to be appearing at Maverick@Zebra, where she will be performing in support of her new album, to be released on Monday. She has been described as 'criminally underrated', so music fans should not miss this chance to see Rose while they have the chance.

Born in Saugus, a tough suburb of Boston, USA, Rose was the youngest of eight children. She graduated in criminal law at college, but then disappointed her Italian-Irish parents by running away to England to become a rock star.

After settling in Essex more than 12 years ago, she has had a few false starts but is now enjoying a solo career that has won her comparisons to PJ Harvey and Janis Joplin.

She is touring with her great live band The Holy Wreck and will be supported by Canadian singer/songwriter Tia McGraff with members of acclaimed Welsh band The Storrs.

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MARTI Pellow will be having a devil of a time when The Witches of Eastwick rolls into town.

The Wet Wet Wet frontman is feeling hot, hot, hot in the role of Daryl Van Horne, the man who rouses the passion – and magical powers – of three small-town housewives. Based on the 1984 book by John Updike and the hit film of the same name, The Witches of Eastwick sees all hell let loose when the devil comes to town.

The 1987 movie starred Jack Nicholson as the horned hunk with Michelle Pfeiffer, Susan Sarandon and Cher as his besotted mistresses.

After seducing each woman in turn, Daryl believes he has the women and the town in his grip, until the three witches resolve to turn the tables.

This is the musical's first UK tour, directed by Nikolai Foster, who also brought Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love to the Marlowe earlier this year. Poppy Tierney, who played the comely Guilietta in Aspects, also returns as one of the witches.

Tickets are priced from £16 to £33.50. Book online at [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com) or call the box office on 01227 787787.

## ASHFORD LEISURE

### Sing-around with other folk at informal meet

FANS of folk music are invited to join the next meeting of Tenterden Folk Club.

The informal 'sing-around' session will be at the Woolpack Hotel in High Street on Tuesday. Doors open at 8pm for an 8.30pm start. Musicians, storytellers, poets and step dancers are all welcome to join in.

To find out more visit the website at [www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](http://www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk).

### Decorate your body at annual art exhibition

A CELEBRATION of wearable art will form the next exhibition at West End House Gallery in Smarden.

The exhibition has been held every year since the gallery opened and features an array of unique handmade pieces to buy, from jewellery and scarves to sculptural effects. The many artists taking part includes Gill Bridgestock, Siobhan Timoney, Olga van Dijke, Debbie Siniska and Bill Aspinall.

Wearable Art opens on Saturday and runs until September 28. Call 01233 770261 or see [www.west-end-house-gallery.co.uk](http://www.west-end-house-gallery.co.uk).

### Raise your glass to a weekend of festivities

TIPLERS will be looking forward to the fifth Ashford Beer Festival.

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## This could be your chance of a lifetime

BY GARETH ARNOLD

A TOP producer who has worked with the likes of Kylie and James Brown will be showing aspiring students in Kent the ropes as part of a new music consultancy.

Tony Matthews, who has produced several top 40 hits for multi-platinum selling stars, will be leading workshops in writing and recording to mixing and mastering at Ashford Studios as part of MK1, a new community music organisation which launched last week.

The aim of the project is to give young people access to top-quality music education and qualifications, which could help them forge careers in the music industry.

MK1 creative director Malissa Whitehouse said: "MK1 provides an extensive range of activities for young people, intended to help them develop new skills, especially for those who wouldn't normally have access to artistic provisions."

"We feel it is imperative to provide young people with choices and options when faced with making important decisions based on their careers and aspirations."

"We also offer a creative service to schools, colleges, councils and youth clubs with music-based workshops and educational programmes."

The consultancy also hopes to work in other areas of the community, offering the chance for everyone to try their hand at a diverse range of musical and artistic pursuits such as dance, live recording and graffiti art.

In addition to this, a range of experienced tutors will provide mentoring, training, career



**EXPERT:** The youngsters at MK1 will be meeting Tony Matthews, who has produced songs for pop queen Kylie

guidance and event management for short- and long-term art projects in the county.

Malissa said: "MK1 will be involved in every area of the creative industry at the highest level, no matter what the job may entail."

"Our consultants, tutors and service providers are actively working within the creative arts, thereby using the wealth of experience and knowledge gained throughout their

successful careers. They are equipped with the drive and inspiration in supporting and encouraging young people."

To get involved, phone Malissa Whitehouse on 01233 811811, or alternatively you can email [malissa@mk1consultancy.org.uk](mailto:malissa@mk1consultancy.org.uk).

MK1 would also like to hear from any of the county's businesses which might be able to offer some sponsorship.

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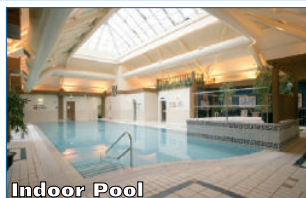
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Frances Burt from the Shopping centre said: "It's great we now have a toy store in County Square. They are a fabulous new addition to the diverse range of retailers we have in the centre and we're sure the store will be a hit with parents and children alike."

**Dancing judge will be  
strictly signing books**

STRICTLY Come Dancing judge Len Goodman will be signing copies of his new autobiography at Bluewater next week.

The former British Champion, who now lives in Dartford, had a tough upbringing in London's East End and found fame late in life as the head judge on the successful BBC show. His book, *Better Late Than Never*, is published by Ebury tomorrow and is priced at £18.99.

Fans can meet him at Waterstone's from 6pm on Wednesday, September 10. Call the store on 01322 624831.

**Cruise away on holiday  
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THOSE who dream of life on the ocean wave can find out what's on offer at The Get Cruising Show in Tunbridge Wells.

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**Meet the author of a  
murderously good read**

LOCAL mystery writer Lesley Goodman will be making an appearance at Westwood Cross this weekend.

The Whitstable-based author will be signing copies of her new novel at Waterstone's at 11.30am on Saturday. *Murder By The Sea* follows the latest adventures of heroine Libby Sarjeant, a middle-aged actress turned investigator who lives in a fictional Kent village.

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### THE STRANGERS (15)



A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night, this is a riveting edge-of-seat thriller. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino, who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark.

### HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (12A)



The sequel to Guillermo del Toro's 2004 fantasy is every bit as fast and furious as its predecessor, melding dazzling production design with wry humour and explosive action sequences. Here del Toro is given free rein to let his imagination run amok, concocting a dark and bloody fairytale full of trolls, goblins and a 9ft Angel Of Death. Hellboy II: The Golden Army is a triumph of design.

# Stepping up for laughs

BY KATE WHITING

WHEN it comes to showing the funny side of serious situations, you can always rely on Hollywood's Frat Pack – the band of comic brothers led by the likes of Ben Stiller and Will Ferrell.

From Ben's pathetic stalker in There's Something About Mary, to Steve Carrell's 40-Year-Old Virgin and last year's Knocked Up – a tale of accidental pregnancy written, directed and produced by new golden boy Judd Apatow – the pack, who love to pop up in each others' films, have poked fun at most things.

Now the 'plight' of grown-up children still living at home has been given the comedy treatment in Will Ferrell and John C Reilly's collaboration, Step Brothers.

Empty-nesters are becoming a thing of the past in the UK as more and more children choose to stay with their parents rent-free – as many as one in ten, according to research by Mintel.

In Step Brothers, produced by – wait for it – Judd Apatow, the two central characters, 40-somethings Dale (John) and Brennan (Will), not only stay at home but neither of them work and they have managed to remain in a perpetual state of adolescence.

"They never outgrow their adolescent ideas about what's cool, how they'd spend their time when they grew up, what they found entertaining," says Will, 41.

"It was a lot of fun to explore that, thinking 'What if you actually became at 40 the guy you thought you'd be when you were 13?'"

Cue juvenile T-shirts, prized drum sets, Chewbacca masks and



**BROTHERS IN ARMS:** Will Ferrell and John C Reilly finally face the idea of growing up

endless TV dinners for Dale and Brennan as John and Will clearly revel in their roles.

"Dale is an extreme case of arrested development," says John, 43, with a smile. "His dad's a doctor, so he's never really had to work for anything. He's just into the things that he likes and nothing else interests him at all. He likes drums, sling-shots, karate and fireworks."

"He's a guy who already feels he's got the greatest life ever and he doesn't have to really work."

The film follows two single parents – Brennan's mum Nancy (Mary Steenburgen) and Dale's

doctor dad Robert (Richard Jenkins) – who meet, fall in love, marry and then make the life-altering decision to live together.

Sparks fly when the two grown men are forced to share Dale's room and then Brennan makes the huge mistake of touching Dale's drum kit, which results in a hilarious childish fight, with them rolling around in the garden.

When the pressure of looking after two layabouts drives their parents apart, the boys finally resolve to get off the sofa and try to set up their own entertainment company, but will they be able to reunite Nancy and Robert?

Step Brothers came about two years ago after Will and John worked together with writer-director Adam McKay on motor-racing flick Talladega Nights: The Battle Of Ricky Bobby. It was such good fun that as soon as filming wrapped they started thinking about their next project.

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Once the trio had come up with the characters, old friends Will and Adam sat down to write the screenplay together.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**STRICTLY COME DANCING**  
BBC One, Saturday (from Sept 30)  
**THE X FACTOR**  
ITV1, 7pm Saturday

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE term 'monumentally bad' wouldn't even go half-way to cover this year's Big Brother, so let's be glad that it's finally over.

The desperadoes have been released and some respite is upon us, but, before we know it, I'm a Celebrity... will be back and we'll all want to top ourselves again.

Before all that starts, though, for a moment let us enjoy the battle of Saturday nights.

It's the clash of the titans, an irresistible force meeting the immovable object.

Two prime-time shows are heading for a dust-up and will be slapping each other around the entertainment face in the weeks to come.

In the BBC corner is Strictly Come Dancing and its cast of celebrity contestants, while, in the ITV corner is The X Factor, with its celebrity judges, auditioning weirdos and the very pointless Dannii Minogue.

Not so long ago, there would be only one logical choice: The X Factor's audition stages were a joy to watch as humiliation was piled high upon many poor souls deluded enough to think they had what it takes to bag a nailed-on Christmas number one.

However, it is now the dancing rival that holds more appeal for many.

In part it is because the X Factor's joke has worn very thin, whereas dancing also requires skill and hard work, rather than just turning up and belting out a Robbie Williams cover.



**POPULAR:** Strictly Come Dancing is beating The X Factor, where the joke has worn thin

In SCD, the Beeb has a big winner on its hands and has flogged the format to the rest of the world in the same way Simon Cowell did with his creation.

Not bad for an idea that seemed to smack of desperation when it was first launched in 2004.

I must admit I thought this was the worst idea I'd ever heard when the show tangoed on to our screens, but I was wrong – it's genuinely entertaining stuff.

Ratings are huge and Bruce Forsyth is in his element, finding a deserved second wind to his career.

This year should be a good series. A certain comedy value is sure to come from former news man John Sergeant, while, for the fellas, Rachel Stevens, Lisa Snowdon and The One Show's current beau, Christine Blakely, will all be giving us a twirl, which Bruce will surely approve of.

Strictly Come Dancing, in the words of the great man himself on a Saturday night: "You're my favourite!"

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

AN interest in a foreign culture could prompt you to take a trip overseas. Your love life will get a boost as a result. If you're already in a relationship, your bond will grow closer. Being away from the trappings of home will allow you to focus on your partner's needs like never before.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

WORK becomes much more pleasant, thanks to a thoughtful female colleague. This woman knows just what to do and say to resolve conflicts. You may be inspired to decorate your office. Being surrounded by lush, green plants helps you to think outside of the box.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

VISITING a friend or relative could prove a welcome change of pace. A change of scenery will give you a fresh perspective. You're starting to see you have more choices than you thought. This liberating realisation will cause you to make a startling choice.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SPENDING more time on private pursuits is essential. You're emerging from a social period that has left you drained. Take a few moments to go on solitary walks, enjoy a quiet cup of tea, or read for pleasure. Stop telling yourself such behaviour is selfish.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR sex appeal reaches its peak for the year; take advantage of it. Luring a love interest into your web will be an enjoyable task. If you're in a relationship, you could be granted favours. Signing a contract or entering a partnership will help you get the acclaim you desire.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

AT last, you're able to abandon yourself to fun. Be sure to schedule a vacation in the next few weeks. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this trip. Keep your eyes open for a witty sophisticate with impeccable fashion. Take charge of a troubling household concern.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

BUSINESS ventures related to art, music, and entertainment are favoured. You have a knack for delivering what the public wants. Go ahead and charge a higher price than you intended. You'd be surprised at how much people would pay for a little enjoyment.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

FRIENDS are an invaluable source of support. They'll help you make sense of a stressful work situation that has you flummoxed. Being able to laugh at yourself in the midst of a crisis will be your saving grace. Be ready to let go of your dignity for the sake of the team.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LOVE could be your primary focus. Don't be afraid to let a loved one put your needs ahead of theirs. In the past, you were willing to shield this person from ugly realities. Now it's your turn to experience the same sort of kindness. Accept this gift with an open and grateful heart.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A TROUBLED family relationship could undergo healing. A female relative who was once critical of your lifestyle is starting to come to terms with it. You're not sure how long her compassion will last, but it's a relief. Helping a neighbour will set off a pleasant chain of events.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

TAKE the initiative in a romantic relationship. Generally, you like to be the one who is pursued. Learning to assert yourself will bring rewards. Stop telling yourself you do not deserve love and happiness. A thoughtful relative could remind you of your tremendous gifts.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE making a name for yourself in the public sphere. All of the sudden, everyone wants your advice and help. This is a wonderful time to make inroads to your desired industry. If you already love your job, you could take this opportunity to start a side business.

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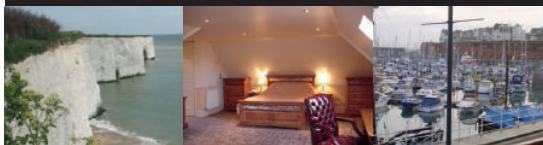
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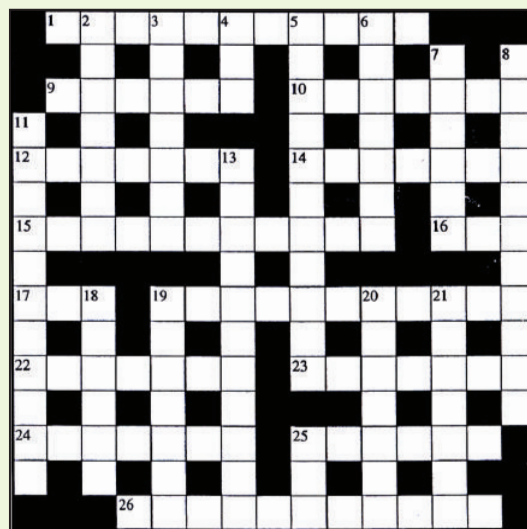
#### ACROSS

- 1 Modern communication from the pulpit? (4,7)
- 9 Large lady's crime? (6)
- 10 The German travelled on river (7)
- 12 Plenty, but giving no thanks, getting only small number (3,1,3)
- 14 Runner to leap over ramp (3-4)
- 15 Quite satisfied with what spring has to offer (4,7)
- 16 Disbelieve part. This part? (3)
- 17 Frequently appeared out-of-town (3)
- 19 Did a plaited design that was in ruins (11)
- 22 Agreement coming from orchestra (7)
- 23 Disclaim responsibility was void surprisingly (7)
- 24 Falls again back with Rear Admiral (7)
- 25 Before end of day at monastery (6)
- 26 A new racing round garden vessel (8-3)

#### DOWN

- 2 It's to do with an order modifying dialect (7)
- 3 Trade that's constantly on the increase (7)
- 4 See Fenland community (3)
- 5 Evaded in a crabby way? (11)
- 6 Welshman from Tangier (7)
- 7 Some of those quelling development (6)
- 8 Stayed at lower level but did not continue to be blue (7,4)
- 11 Completely ignorant to be aware of the absence of anything! (4-7)
- 13 Newly sealed variety of cheese (11)
- 18 Jack's double had sauce (6)
- 19 Miniature scene from play ten included (7)
- 20 Spirited flying (7)
- 21 Reportedly in a Greek guesthouse (7)
- 25 Greek character's graphic piece (3)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Easily visible (11)
- 9 Thickset (6)
- 10 Former capital of Uganda (7)
- 12 Practicality (7)
- 14 Pertain (anag.) (7)
- 15 In all seriousness (6,5)
- 16 Study (3)
- 17 Immediately (3)
- 19 Wasting (11)
- 22 Larger than normal (7)
- 23 Obedient (7)
- 24 Outlive (7)
- 25 \_\_\_ de corps (6)
- 26 Written declaration (11)

#### DOWN

- 2 Remote parts of Australia (7)
- 3 A drawing in (7)
- 4 Glacial (3)
- 5 Not made clear (11)
- 6 Uncoil (7)
- 7 Calmed down (6)
- 8 Large seabird (7-4)
- 11 Destructive computer program (6,5)
- 13 Size (11)
- 18 Wet (6)
- 19 Self-killing (7)
- 20 In an abnormal position (7)
- 21 Impose pain (7)
- 25 Sprite (3)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No50

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No51

ACROSS: 1 Pickpocket 6 Scab 9 Probe 10 Numb 11 Esne 13 Last but not least 14 Rightful 16 Eczena 18 Hobart 19 Molasses 22 Lead a merry dance 24 Ante 25 Ward 26 Lethe 27 Lark 28 Quarter-day DOWN: 1 Popular 2 Cross 3 Presbyterian 4 Construe 5 Exmoor 7 Castanets 8 Beef-tea 12 Black-and-blue 15 Gibraltar 17 Joyrider 18 Holdall 20 Scenery 21 Deja-vu 23 Noted.

### QUICK SOLUTION No52

25 Elf 18 Watery 19 Suicide 20 Ectopic 21 Inflict 16 Herring-gull 11 Trojan horse 13 Measurement 10 Unexplained 6 Unhatched 7 Abated 8 Certificate 5 Unpacked 2 Outback 3 Section 4 Outsize 23 Butlind 24 Survive 25 Espirit 26 apart 16 Den 17 Now 19 Squandering 22 Enticible 12 Realism 14 Painter 15 Joking 10 ACROSS: 1 Conscious 9 Stocky 10

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## When only the best is good enough

BY KATE WHITING

IN Ocracoke harbour, the pelicans perch on wooden mooring posts in the setting sun, as though to welcome the fishing boats back after a long day out at sea.

And they couldn't have found a better – or more secluded – place to rest.

Ocracoke, one of the narrow sandbar islands that runs down the coast of North Carolina, was for years one of America's best-kept secrets. In 2007, however, it was thrown into the global spotlight when its virgin beach beat more than 650 sandy havens to be named the best in the United States.

It was the first time a beach outside of the more popular sunspots Hawaii and Florida had been chosen, and sitting on the warm white sand I could easily see why.

Ocracoke island boasts 15 miles of uninterrupted, undeveloped, pristine beach, with gently sloping sand-dunes and spectacular views stretching out over the Atlantic. There are none of the oversized chain hotels, beach bars, or banana boats of built-up resorts. Ocracoke defines understatement and simplicity.

US beach expert Stephen Leatherman (fondly known as Dr Beach) selected Ocracoke Lifeguarded Beach on the basis of 50 criteria, ranging from sand quality and colour, to wave size and even traffic.

There certainly aren't many cars in Ocracoke, mainly because the island has only



**WATER BABY:** Ocracoke is a beautiful island, boasting a 15-mile long beach, 26 miles off the coast of North Carolina

700 residents and because its location, 26 miles from the mainland, means many visitors fly into this unspoilt paradise instead of struggling with the three-hour car ferry. But the journey is well worth it for those seeking a real American treasure.

Besides its beach, the island, and the surrounding Outer Banks boast some of the most extraordinary history, set in a carefully preserved landscape.

One exciting way to explore is by kayak. Ride The Wind surf shop, in the centre of Ocracoke's snug historic town, offers guided eco tours. The kayak tour, led by friendly Ocracoker Bob Chestnut, took us away from the ocean and up some of the island's natural

inlets too, where we found oysters, hermit crabs, turtles and even a sea snake darting among the reedbeds.

To give ourselves some geographical perspective, we headed to the historic town of Beaufort on the mainland, which lies at the heart of North Carolina's Crystal Coast.

From Beaufort, it's easy to take day trips to other sandbar islands, which make up the Outer Banks, and one of the most spectacular is Cape Lookout. Its lighthouse, with its large black and white diamond pattern, is an icon.

And as the sun glinted off the Atlantic at the end of another beautiful day on the Outer Banks, it was easy to see why North Carolina is so justifiably proud of its unique coastline.

## FACT FILE: CAROLINA

Time difference	UK minus 5 hours
Capital	Raleigh
Population	8,856,505
Languages	English
Climate	Maritime temperate
Religion	Christian
Currency	£1 approx 1.8 US dollars

## Travel details

- Kate Whiting flew from Heathrow to Raleigh Durham as a guest of American Airlines. Package from £575 including seven nights' car hire with complimentary sat nav bookable through Bon Voyage: 0800 3163012/www.bon-voyage.co.uk.
- Same package from Gatwick from £559.
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- Destination information is available from North Carolina Division of Tourism: 0207 367937/www.northcarolinatravel.co.uk



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Swap the headache of selling for a new home

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Houses are selling but buyers must be sensible with the price. But new builders, who are under huge pressure to sell, have some spectacular deals on offer for existing owners.

Redrow is one of several builders who will buy a customer's current house (subject to criteria) and effectively 'swap' it for a new home; meaning a guaranteed, quick and easy sale, minus the worry of being stuck in a housing chain that's going nowhere or might even collapse.

Beryl Williams, of Redrow Homes, says: "According to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the number of housing transactions hit an all-time low in June, but why worry about selling your existing home when Redrow can do it for you?"

"Some people are reluctant to put their existing property on the market in the first place because they think they won't find a buyer."

Part exchange also removes the threat of being 'gazundered' – a trend that hasn't really surfaced since the 90s but is now increasing – where a buyer substantially lowers their offer just days before the exchange and the seller must either accept the lower figure, or reject it and start the entire process all over again.

### Students are a good bet for making profit

KENT'S university centres are a better investment bet for buy-to-let landlords, according to a new poll.

As the property market has slowed, rental properties have become even more important, with student accommodation remaining a strong performer.

Rental yields from student accommodation in university towns and cities should continue to outstrip those achieved from buy-to-let properties without, according to industry research by headlineproperty.co.uk website.

They carried out the survey after estimates emerged which suggested that landlords offering student accommodation in university towns often benefit from annual rental yields which are one or two percentage points (sometimes more) higher.

The main reason for this is the fact that, as the numbers of those making the move into higher education continues to rise, so demand for student accommodation itself could only go one way in the years ahead.

# Why not just stay put?

## Moving may not be your best option

MAKING the most of your existing home is an increasingly popular option as the housing market slows to a crawl.

Extending or remodelling your home can give you the extra space and will increase its value when the market picks up again.

But before you start, the organisers of The London Homebuilding & Renovating Show, at ExCeL London from September 19 to 21, have come up with some great pointers that may save you time ... and money.

### Permitted development

If your home has never been extended you could add 15 per cent to the volume of the house without needing permission. Visit [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk) and take advantage of their online volume calculator.

### Know the building regulations

Even if you don't need planning permission, you may need building regulations approval. If you are converting your loft, moving a bath or toilet, installing a green heating system, a flue or altering window openings, you will need to apply for approval.

### Think through your loft conversion

To comply with building regulations to get an extra bedroom, the floor may need strengthening and the roof will need at least 150mm of insulation, which will lower the ceiling. Don't forget that accessing a habitable loft conversion requires a permanent staircase and this will need landing space.

### Beware of removing trees

It is a criminal offence to cut down a tree which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Even if an extension doesn't require planning permission, you cannot alter or even prune a tree that has a TPO on it without permission.

### The right to light

When you apply for planning permission remember your neighbours might object if you cut sunlight to their home. This is more relevant to town centre homes.

### Conservation areas have different rules

If your home is in a conservation area, or is a listed building, things are not so simple. Take the time to speak with your local council's planning department before you start anything. It's a criminal offence to alter a listed building.



IMPROVE: An extension and a lick of paint could have you feeling like you're in a new home without having to move

### Know the Party Wall Act

Any work you intend to carry out that is within three metres of your boundary wall will mean legally you must contact your neighbour. If you are digging a foundation, then anything under six metres from the wall means they must be consulted.

### Do your homework

Do your research before you start to avoid any horrible surprises. Contact your local

planning office or visit the government website [www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingwork](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingwork).

The London Homebuilding & Renovating Show has local authority planning experts on the Planning Portal stand (1037), as well as architects in the Ask the Architects Zone.

The show also features more than 200 exhibitors and 72 free seminar and master-class sessions over the four days. Tickets are £8 in advance or £12 on the door (children under 16 go free). See [www.homebuilding-show.co.uk](http://www.homebuilding-show.co.uk) or call 0871 945 4547.

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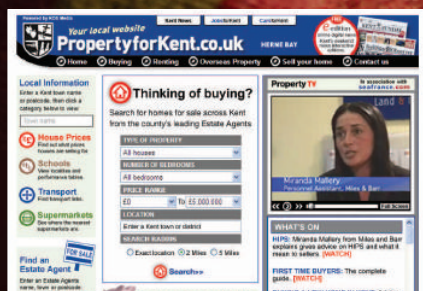
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Make a Superb saving on your car insurance

SKODA is building a head of steam towards launching the all-new Superb executive model.

The latest boost is impressive insurance ratings against upper medium sector rivals, with the entry diesel 1.9 TDI PD 105bhp engine in 'S' trim rated Group 6E – three positions better than the outgoing Superb.

The entry petrol 1.4 TSI 125bhp engine also better its predecessor – rated Group 7E across all three trim levels.

The new Superb (from £15,490) goes on sale in the UK from 18 September and has already caught the eye with distinctive styling and double-function rear end with a bootlid that also hinges again to deliver hatchback versatility.



### Smart goes after even more sales

SALES of Smart's Fortwo city car have rocketed nearly 100 per cent this year.

No other car brand in the UK market comes close to such explosive growth and the little sister brand to Mercedes-Benz seems keen to kick volumes even higher, with a Limited Two special edition out this week.

Based on the popular 71bhp Smart Fortwo Passion and able to return 70mpg on a run, the Limited Two sells as a coupé or cabrio from £9,575, undercutting the Passion's £10,495 while gaining extra kit.



### 'Thanks girls' says Audi after collecting award

IT'S not clear what Audi's reaction is to the new A3 Convertible (from £22,300) being voted top convertible and Car of The Year by women's car-buying website evcars.com.

Of course the classy little soft top is a favourite with the ladies – especially in white – but did Audi really want the boys alienated quite so much?

After all, some versions of the car can do the 0-62mph dash in 7.4 seconds – more than enough to appeal to the well-heeled boy racer.



**BOXER DIESEL:** The rugged, high-riding Subaru Outback tested here, with its all-round comfort and smooth diesel engine, argues against the case for buying an SUV

# Subaru's new legacy goes flat out for diesel sales

SUBARU would probably like to be seen as the BMW or Audi of the Japanese motor industry, but there is also something of Citroën in the way it adheres to 'pet' features.

There is its penchant for frameless door glass although it is not famous for convertibles – the usual raison d'être for such detail.

The brand is also known for all-wheel drive, but Subaru's most famous selling point must be its passion – like that of Porsche – for horizontally-opposed or 'boxer' petrol engines that deliver the lightness, low centre of gravity and flexibility that powered the brand to rally fame.

However, these excellent yet thirsty powerplants have become an Achilles Heel with the rise of diesels and fuel prices, along with the threat from global warming.

Subaru might have responded by buying a diesel off the shelf, although this would have caused horrendous re-engineering for current models.

Instead, the brand created something never seen before in the car market – a boxer diesel.

## ROAD TEST SUBARU OUTBACK DSL

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

And what a lovely piece of work it is.

In the rugged and high-riding Outback estate (from £23,665) tested here, it argues strongly against buying an SUV when you can have much of the rough ground performance and traction of such cars with all the comfort and convenience of a conventional estate.

But the biggest benefit of all is the lower vibration and greater smoothness that the boxer layout brings to a diesel; it is an exceptionally smooth 148bhp two-litre unit considering the amount of punch low down the rev range and not only outperforms the 2.5-litre petrol alternative but should also average 25-30 per cent better fuel consumption – although this is available only as an auto and the new diesel has yet to gain more than a five-speed manual box.

As expected, the Outback's 4x4 layout offers incredible tenacity though a relatively softly-sprung suspension, which delivers such comfort on and off-road, combined with the higher ride height, allows some heeling on the bends.

The interior is tough and well-organised without the flashiness or flair of rivals and there is an endearing 'retro-ness'.

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### SKODA OCTAVIA



If you have not yet woken to used Skoda bargains, smell the coffee now with one of the best – the stylish estate spin-off from the brand's own wake-up model, the Octavia.

Mark 1 and 2s are now on the used market and diesels are the pick, though petrols can be bargains and the scorching vRS will put a smile on the face. The Octavia estate's real ace though is space within the modest dimensions of a VW Golf-based platform.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### BMW 3-SERIES TOURING



THREE generations ago, this car started the whole 'lifestyle estate' trend. Before that, estates were 'working cars'; after the first Touring was launched, the estate market split into load luggers for tradesmen and reps and trendy compact estates like the Beemer. As with all BMWs, the emphasis is on driver satisfaction and style while load-carrying comes second. Performance petrol engines are smooth and you can find bargains as fuel prices rise, while the refined diesels command ever better values.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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### VAUXHALL VECTRA



WHAT will soon become the final Vectra model will also be remembered for the awesome estate. If you need size but your budget is limited then this is the car.

The secret is an extended wheelbase over and above the Vectra hatchback; combined with a huge rear opening and folding rear seats, this becomes the ultimate family estate car and an SRI or similar spec with alloys looks classy too. Diesels are the pick for low down power and economy.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
Cash Deposit	£2,288.56
Total Deposit	£2,888.56
Balance to Finance	£11,106.44
Interest Charges	£848.56
Balance Amount Payable	£11,955.00
Finance Monthly Payment	<b>£249.00</b>
GMFV	£5,969.00
Term	24 months
Typical APR	<b>4.9%</b>

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Focus 1.6 Titanium	
Total Vehicle Price	£13,995.00
Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
Cash Deposit	£2,371.49
Total Deposit	£2,971.49
Balance to Finance	£11,023.51
Total Interest Charges	£864.49
Balance Amount Payable	£11,888.00
Finance Monthly Payment	<b>£229.00</b>
GMFV	£6,382.00
Term	24 months
Typical APR	<b>4.9%</b>



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- Body coloured bumpers
- Front fog lights
- Trip/fuel computer

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Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
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Interest Charges	£843.01
Balance Amount Payable	£12,251.00
Finance Monthly Payment	<b>£279.00</b>
GMFV	£5,545.00
Term	24 months
Typical APR	<b>4.9%</b>

#### FREE UPGRADE and lower monthly payments

**C-MAX 1.8 Titanium 5DR**  
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C-MAX 1.8 Titanium	
Total Vehicle Price	£14,495.00
Our Deposit Contribution	£600.00
Cash Deposit	£2,536.42
Total Deposit	£3,136.42
Balance to Finance	£11,358.58
Interest Charges	£862.42
Balance Amount Payable	£12,221.00
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**156 T** Spark 1.6 16v Turismo Man, g104vdx, cloth upholstery, air conditioning, cd player, radio, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote alarm, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, traction control, trip computer, abs, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, automatic electric windows, electric front windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, red, 59000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**A2** 1.4 Sport 5dr, 03/10/2002, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 58488 miles, £5499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A4** 1.9TDI 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £3950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## BMW

**3 SERIES** 1.6i Saloon 4d 1596cc, 1316hnm, mot 11/04/08 good runner, green, miles, £695.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES** 535d SPORT AUTO E60, yp54uw, titanium silver, 73000 miles, £20000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**6 SERIES** 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## CADILLAC

**CTS** cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22378 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## CHEVROLET

**CAPTIVA** LTX 2.0 gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Calfyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 517500 (TRADE)

**LACETTI** SX 5dr, gk56zcf, folding rear seats, height adjustable seat, head restraints, anti-theft system, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air con, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 4000 miles, £6495, Automatic Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0203 303 4030 (TRADE)

**MATIZ** 1.0 SE+ Hatchback 5dr 955cc, 56/2006, a/con radio/cd player electric windows pas also central locking, metallic blue, 14, 000 miles, £4995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**TACUMA** SX 56, reduced for quick sale... just under 2 years old and low mileage...air con, fsh, abs, air bags, electric windows and wing mirrors, heated wing mirrors, removable cd player with steering wheel mounted controls, three full size seats in rear, seat back trays, storage units in floor, balance of manufacturers warranty to sept 06/09 and no mot until then, blue, 6570 miles, £4999, kent, 01794702003 (PRIVATE)

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**ELANTRA** 1.6 GS 5dr Auto, gn51uva, abs, air conditioning, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, rear armrest, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, side airbags, radio/cd. first to see will buy showroom condition, silver, 40788 miles, £1994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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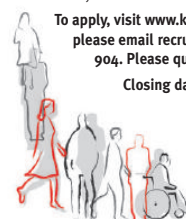
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Under a proposed rule change, businesses are no longer entitled to claim costs at a tribunal, even if successful, according to leading accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill.

Robert Warne, a partner at the firm, which has offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, said the change proposed by the Ministry of Justice will have a particularly severe impact on small and medium sized enterprises, which will be unwilling to invest time and money in the tribunal process if they cannot guarantee they will recoup the expense.

They often receive inaccurate assessments for relatively small amounts and in the past have appealed on the basis they would recover costs if successful.

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### For ladies what lunch

AN all-female networking lunch to raise funds for the Heart of Kent Hospice will take place later this month.

Professionally Pink is organised by Kent accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill, in conjunction with Ansacom, Clydesdale Bank and Brachers.

It is aimed at women from regional local businesses and the next one takes place on Wednesday, September 10, at Souffle Restaurant in Bearsted, near Maidstone. Guest speaker is Caroline Brinkman, from the Heart of Kent Hospice.

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**HERE TO HELP:** Bob Jones of Business Link urges small to medium companies to come up with a business plan to help them ride the economic storm and continue to grow

## Feeling crunched? A plan could help you through

■ BY TONY PATEY

BUSINESS plans are the most vital blueprints for survival a firm can have – but one in every four companies in Kent doesn't have one, according to recent research.

Almost three-quarters of county firms – 72 per cent – believe a downturn in the UK economy would have a negative impact on their business, as one would expect, but 33 per cent of those don't have a business plan to help them ride out an economic storm.

That's the latest news from Business Link, which provides the information, advice and support businesses need to start, maintain and grow.

It also found that more than two thirds of small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) interviewed for its quarterly South East Business Monitor expect economic conditions in the UK to get worse over the next year.

With the housing market taking a hammering, construction companies understandably believe an economic downturn would have a

negative effect on their business – with a quarter saying it would have a strong negative impact – but the business and financial services sectors are less likely to believe that.

Business Link says only 62 per cent of those businesses – compared with 68 per cent across all industries – reckon their work would be hit hard by a downturn, possibly because they're focused on business-to-business markets and don't rely on the economic health of consumers.

Business Link's Bob Jones said: "Although not all businesses in Kent will be affected equally by the economic downturn, most are worried to some extent, so now is the time for them to take action."

"We work with more than 25,000 businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs across the county and our experience shows that growing companies are much more likely to take time out to plan for all eventualities. Those who plan should be better equipped to weather a storm."

"There are steps that can be taken to make battling a downturn in the economy that bit easier. Having a sound business plan in place is an excellent start and can allow companies to plan for various scenarios."

"You may need to think about improving cashflow, diversifying, exploring new markets, becoming more efficient, or focusing on your business's unique selling point (USP) such as the quality of your customer service."

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Companies can take immediate action by making sure sound credit control systems are in place. The average small firm is owed £30,000 in unpaid invoices, with 29 per cent of businesses surveyed believing they would go bust if they were owed just £20,000.

Business Link has guides available and its Business Health Check to help companies analyse their finance and administration systems. Visit [www.businesslink.gov.uk/south-east/creditchurn](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/south-east/creditchurn) or call 0845 6009006.

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## No sweet 16 for doomed Ashford

RELEGATION bound Ashford Town 3rd XI fell to their 16th defeat of the season in Kent Cricket League Division Three.

Gravesend batted first and finished their allotted overs with a score of 236-5. In reply, Ashford struggled against a strong bowling attack from Gravesend.

Ashford could only make 94 as Gravesend bowlers were on target, helping them to a 142-run win.

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# Crawford helps ease Tenterden relegation fears

TENTERDEN boosted their hopes of avoiding relegation with a close-fought 23-run victory against Whitstable on Saturday.

The visitors were impressive with both bat and ball as they went to secure their fifth win of the season.

Andrew Crawford and Nick Daynes got Tenterden off to a great start as they scored 114 between them before being bowled by Duncan Hardy.

It was Crawford's 76 that saved Tenterden's innings as only two of the remaining batsmen managed to score into double figures.

Hardy struck through the middle order and restricted Tenterden to just 203 runs. He finished with figures of 4-42.

Whitstable struggled to deal with the

## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

bowling attack of Alistair Neale and Timir Chanda in reply. The only batsmen who showed any resistance was opener Max Campbell, who scored 57 before falling to Neale after 81 balls.

Neale took the next four wickets at the expense of just 25 runs as Whitstable looked as though they could fall to a heavy defeat. The spell from Neale turned the match in Tenterden's favour and he finished with impressive figures of 5-44.

Whitstable tried to recover through James Loader (28) and Sean French (33), but were eventually all out for 177.



IN THE WICKETS: Tenterden's Timir Chanda and Alistair Neale took nine wickets in a 23-run victory

## Kent League Division One

### Whitstable 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

Tenterden		Whitstable	
Runs		Runs	
Nick Daynes	ct Sinclair b Hardy	38	57
Andrew Crawford	b Hardy	76	16
Ben Price	ct Campbell b Hardy	6	8
Christopher Vernon	ct Mills b Gould	22	1
Timir Chanda	ct French b Hardy	8	0
Tevie Knight Jr	run out	15	0
Paul Brann	st Denly b Gould	4	28
Daniel McDonald	b Bovis	7	33
Ben Baking	not out	5	3
Alistair Neale	not out	6	4
Mark Baker	did not bat		10
Extras (5b 4lb 7nb)		16	1
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)		203	177

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
James Mills	3 0 23 0	Timir Chanda	14.1 1 38 4
Simon Chittim	10 1 45 0	Ben Baking	1 0 11 0
Sean French	3 0 10 0	Mark Baker	14 0 52 1
Duncan Hardy	15 1 42 4	Alistair Neale	15 3 44 5
Josh Gould	15 2 50 2	Tevie Knight Jr	3 0 27 0
Darren Bovis	4 0 24 1		

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

#### Valding 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

ANTHONY Shepherd's stunning display with the ball helped Valding to 76-run win and their seventh victory of the season.

Shepherd ripped through the Wye tail finishing with match best figures of 5-3, bowling Wye out for just 76.

However, it was Valding's solid partnership between Adnan Pervaiz and Zeeshan Fazal who helped set up the victory. Both fell just short of their half centuries but the total of 152 was too much for Wye.

Edward Hoyle top scored with 21 for the visitors in what was a poor performance from the third-placed side.

Valding		Runs	
Peter Bowles	b Hoyle	3	
Anthony Shepherd	b Edlin	8	
James Dugmore	b Hoyle	10	
Adnan Pervaiz	ct Houston b Barlow	44	
Zeeshan Fazal	st Eve b Brooke	45	
Marcos Aimey	ct Houston b Barlow	1	
James Emmitt	b Barlow	0	
Harsh Tataria	run out	5	
James Bowles	b Brooke	19	
John-Jacob Britz	not out	3	
Andrew Robinson	did not bat		
Extras (3b 4lb 5w 2nb)		14	
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)		152	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Edward Hoyle	12 6 18 2	Wayne Edlin	7 3 14 1
Richard Williams	12 3 33 0	Matt Barlow	11 1 63 3
Nick Brooke	4 0 18 2		

Folkestone		Runs	
Kyle McAlister	ct Dugmore b Aimey	8	
Tom Richardson	ct Robinson b Aimey	1	
Richard Williams	b Tataria	2	
Neil Williams	b Emmitt	16	
Nick Eve	b Emmitt	4	
Nick Brooke	b Shepherd	4	
Brian Hanley	ct Bowles b Shepherd	8	
Wayne Edlin	b Shepherd	0	
Ben Houston	b Shepherd	0	
Edward Hoyle	not out	21	
Matt Barlow	ct Tataria b Shepherd	1	
Extras (2b 6lb 3w)		11	
Total (all out, 36 overs)		76	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
John-Jacob Britz	0 4 5 0	Marcos Aimey	6 1 7 2
Harsh Tataria	6 3 13 1	James Emmitt	7 1 10 2
Andrew Robinson	6 0 29 0	Anthony Shepherd	5 3 3 5

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

#### Chestfield 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

CHESTFIELD'S relegation to Division Three was all but sealed after a six-wicket defeat to promotion-chasing Ashford Town.

The home side were in trouble from the beginning as their top three batsmen scored just ten runs between them. Jago Pearson was the only player to occupy the crease for any length of time as he hit 43.

A total of 133 was always going to be vulnerable and Ashford comfortably surpassed it with 15 overs remaining.

Defeat left Chestfield 15 points adrift of safety and could still go down even with a win in Saturday's season finale against OD CUAACO.

Chestfield		Runs	
Simon Buckingham	ct Watson b Ealham	2	
Darren Scott	c & b Rand	6	
Sean Whittam	ct Hope b Rand	2	
Jago Pearson	ct Fattore b Tegg	43	
Chris Watson	b Ealham	13	
Andy Bennett	b Tegg	19	
Shane Moody-Smith	b Tegg	7	
Trevor Santer	b Tegg	8	
Wayne George	c & b Buckham	5	
Ben Croucher	not out	3	
Joseph Whittington	b Rand	7	
Extras (2b 9lb 7w)		18	
Total (all out, 46.1 overs)		133	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Ben Ealham	9 5 21 2	James Rand	6.1 0 26 3
Alex Watson	5 2 11 0	Craig Buckham	14 5 27 1
Liam Tegg	12 1 37 4		

Ashford Town		Runs	
Luke Reeves	ct Moody-Smith b Croucher	12	
Gary Sutton	b Andy Bennett	31	
James Watson	b Whittington	51	
Shannon Fattore	not out	26	
Liam Tegg	run out	1	
Stuart Paine	not out	11	
Ben Ealham	did not bat		
Gavin Hope	did not bat		
Alex Watson	did not bat		
James Rand	did not bat		
Craig Buckham	did not bat		
Extras (1b 3w 3nb)		7	
Total (4 wickets, 35 overs)		139	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Ben Croucher	0 1 15 1	Wayne George	6 2 15 0
Simon Buckingham	3 0 12 0	Darren Scott	6 2 16 0
Jago Pearson	4 1 19 0	Andy Bennett	6 0 35 1
Joseph Whittington	4 0 26 1		

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1D

#### Rainham 3rd XI v Pluckley 1st XI

DARREN Taylor's performance with both bat and ball proved too much for Pluckley, who fell to a 61-run defeat. Pluckley found wickets hard to come by and could only restrict Rainham to 163-7 after 46 overs with Taylor top scoring on 47.

The visitors needed a good start if they were to take anything from the match and Derrick Haynes did not let them down by scoring 42.

However, Pluckley could not continue their solid start. Taylor ripped through the tail on his way to taking five wickets which left Pluckley all out for 102.

Rainham		Runs	
Darren Taylor	ct Delves b Horswell	47	
Gary Ward	ct Sorrell b Prescott	10	
Ryan Friel	b Burbridge	17	
Martin Taylor	b Burbridge	2	
Chris Newman	b Horswell	1	
Chris Taylor	ct Haynes b Burbridge	5	
Jordan Mitchell	b Burbridge	6	
Aaron Hawkins	not out	34	
Robert Hutton	not out	19	
Sam Drew	did not bat		
Ryan Ward	did not bat		
Extras (8b 4lb 9w 1nb)		22	
Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)		163	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Richard Prescott	12 3 31 1	Bret Symonds	11 1 38 0
Jim Horswell	12 1 37 2	Peter Burbridge	11 1 45 4

Pluckley		Runs	
Derrick Haynes	b Taylor	42	
Luke Phillips	b Drew	13	
Robert Delves	ct Hutton b Drew	0	
Peter Burbridge	b Hawkins	3	
Marcus Sorrell	ct Taylor b Ward	18	
Bret Symonds	run out Mitchell	2	
Jim Horswell	b Taylor	0	
Stuart Pearson	b Taylor	0	
David Blandford	b Taylor	0	
Richard Prescott	b Taylor	3	
Christopher Blandford	not out	1	
Extras (1lb 11w 8nb)		20	
Total (all out, 31 overs)		102	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Chris Newman	0 2 21 0	Sam Drew	6 3 12 2
Ryan Friel	7 1 23 0	Aaron Hawkins	4 0 26 1
Darren Taylor	5 0 14 5	Ryan Ward	2 0 5 1

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE 2ND XI

#### Wye 2nd XI v Farningham 2nd XI

WYE 2nd XI were blown away by Farningham who notched up a massive nine-wicket victory.

The home side made a solid start through David Jukes (33), Richard Edgar (52) and Robert Banks (23). They went on to post a total of 157, but it was easily surpassed by Farningham.

It took just 34 overs for the visitors to reach 157 and it was opener Graham Freedman, who got them well on the way by scoring 81. Kevin Greenhead hit the winning runs with a solid knock of 69.

Wye		Runs	
David Jukes	b Blake	33	
Richard Edgar	Retired	52	
Robert Banks	b Collins	23	
Mark Baker	ct Freedman b Collins	4	
Giles Starley	b Traillor	1	
Adam Dodd	not out	10	
William Elgar	b Collins	0	
Arham Karim	b Traillor	5	
Ian Lewis	ct Parkinson b Traillor	2	
Mark Shannon	ct Parkinson b Collins	2	
Andy Elgar	b Norman	3	
Extras (14b 6lb 2w)		22	
Total (9 wickets, 48.1 overs)		157	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Andrew Norman	7 1 0 21 1	John Collins	14 5 31 4
Graham Freedman	5 0 21 0	Darren Blake	8 1 44 1
Geoff Traillor	14 7 22 3		

Farningham		Runs	
Graham Freedman	not out	81	
Darren Blake	run out Banks	1	
Kevin Greenhead	not out	69	
Martyn England	did not bat		
Paul Bensley	did not bat		
Mark Allison	did not bat		
Sean Bensley	did not bat		
John Collins	did not bat		
Graham Parkinson	did not bat		
Andrew Norman	did not bat		
Geoff Traillor	did not bat		
Extras (4b 4lb 2w)		10	
Total (1 wicket, 34.1 overs)		161	

Bowlers		Bowlers	
	O M R W		O M R W
Ian Lewis	8 0 30 0	Robert Banks	9 0 36 0
Mark Shannon	4 0 19 0	William Elgar	4 0 14 0
Mark Baker	5 0 23 0	Andy Elgar	2 0 17 0
Arham Karim	2 0 8 0	Giles Starley	0.1 0 4 0



# Dobriskey bowled over by support

## ATHLETICS

BY TOM HOWARD

LISA Dobriskey has thanked Yourashford readers for their "overwhelming" support during the Olympic Games in Beijing.

The Ashford-born athlete finished an agonizing fourth in the 1500 metre final in the Birds Nest Stadium.

Although she narrowly missed out on a medal, her Olympic adventure captured the imagination of the county as they followed her progress at the games on television and through her exclusive online blog at [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk).

### Returned

More than 30 comments were left by supporters on the site and on the day of the final, the Julie Rose Athletics Stadium opened its doors for fans to watch her first Olympic final.

After the final Dobriskey returned to England with the rest of Team GB and has struggled to come to terms with the support she received.

She told Yourashford: "The support has been fantastic and has been overwhelming. I have never had so many messages of encouragement. "As an athlete it is nice to read the odd little message asking how I am doing, but the scale whilst the Olympics was going on was amazing. I would like to say thank you to everyone in Ashford and the rest of the county who



GRATEFUL: Lisa Dobriskey was overwhelmed by the local support and has vowed to return from her Olympic final heartache

have been supporting me. I do feel I have let them all down really for not picking up a medal though."

Dobriskey still feels frustrated for missing the point to attack and finishing in fourth place in the final. The 24-year-old admitted she felt the occasion got to her when she stood on the start line.

She said: "I have watched the race over about ten times and it is bit annoying really why I didn't push at the point I should have. There are lots of ifs and buts but that is sport but I will have to build on this experience."

Dobriskey got back to winning ways on Sunday with a comfortable win at the British Grand Prix at Gateshead.



Picture: ADY KERRY

## Kent still in the hunt for double glory

### CRICKET

KENT go into tomorrow's clash with Surrey still in with a chance of winning the County Championship.

Rob Key's side played out a thrilling draw with Yorkshire last week, a game in which Kent came back from the dead and almost claimed what seemed an unlikely victory.

The draw has left them third in Division One of the Championship, nine points behind leaders Nottinghamshire.

Key was without the services of vital all-rounders Yasir Arafat, Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp for the game at Scarborough, but hopes to have them back for Thursday's visit of Surrey to St Lawrence.

Martin van Jaarsveld was the rock of the first innings after he scored 107 of a disappointing total of 227. A sparkling 146 from Jacques Rudolph helped the Tykes, together with half centuries from Anthony McGrath and Adam Lyth, to 457 and a lead of 230. Neil Dexter held the Kent second innings together with 105, but a partnership between James Tredwell and Ryan McLaren helped them to 433.

Robbie Joseph claimed the prize wicket of former England captain Michael Vaughan for a 14-ball duck as Yorkshire struggled against a rampant Kent bowling attack.

When skipper Darren Gough departed with the score on 166-9, Kent and Key would have fancied their chances of claiming a famous victory, but former England seamer Matthew Hoggard and Deon Kruis managed to keep out the remaining 28 balls to deny the visitors the win.

While Key's side continue to do well in the Championship, they are also close to gaining promotion to Division One in the Pro40 competition. Rain ruined their game at Northampton on Monday, but a win against Surrey at the Oval yesterday could have seen them climb to second spot.

## Ferguson hoping to mount title challenge

### EQUESTRIAN

HORSE rider Kirsty Ferguson is targeting a place in the England team for the World Mounted Games Championship after helping England become European champions.

The Ashford rider was called up to the England team for the European Mounted Games earlier this month in Germany. The mounted games are a branch of equestrian involving a number of short sharp horse races.

Ferguson and the England team were up against some of the best teams in Europe, but came away more than happy by becoming European champions. She was delighted with the win and describes her involvement in the games as unexpected.

Ferguson said: "I really wasn't expecting to be picked for the England team but my fellow team mates from the Kent side urged me to put my name down. It was made even better when we won in Germany against some of the best teams in Europe."

"There are still plenty of more events in our season so I will be racing for Kent again. However, the world championships are



Picture: ADY KERRY

SUCCESS: Kirsty Ferguson is hoping she will be called up to the England team for the World Mounted Games Championships

coming up in October and I would love to be picked for that. I certainly will be putting my name forward after our performance in Germany.

"I just hope myself and my horses stay healthy for it. We will be up against the likes of USA and New Zealand, so it will definitely be a step up."

The World Championships are due to take place in Australia between October 19-27.

## Late late show by Jones keeps town in FA Cup hat

### FOOTBALL

#### Ashford 3 Leatherhead 2

PAUL Jones scored the winner for Ashford Town in the dying minutes of a dramatic FA Cup tie at The Homelands on Saturday.

Town opened the scoring through Mitchell Sherwood on 21 minutes, who notched his fourth goal of the season.

Ashford were unable to hold on to their lead in the second half as Tom Hutchings equalised on 54 minutes. They were level for just two minutes as Anthony Hogg's 40-yard free kick flew into the top corner.

With just three minutes remaining, Jones popped up on the edge of the area to secure the win.

Town manager Steve Lovell admitted there is more to come from his side and is aware his team needs to improve defensively.

Lovell said: "It was a good game for the neutral, but it was not a good game for managers. We got there in the end."

"I think there is more to come from us. We have made a good



Picture: IGOR KAPKO

LAST GASP: Paul Jones scored in the dying minutes to continue Ashford's run in the FA Cup

start to the season and we have played quite well in our last two games.

"There is no problem scoring goals but I think we need to work on our defending at times."

Town have reached the first round of the FA Cup three times with their last cup run seeing the Nuts and Bolts beaten 5-0 by Watford in the second round in 1996. Lovell knows his side will have a strong test in their next cup match against Kingstonsian on September 14.

Ashford are back in Ryman League action on Saturday as they travel to Corinthian Casuals.

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